

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...there is at some point on the crime bill that we are going to have to get to the discussion on the secure facility. Senator Wehrbein, on page...on Agency 70, page 129 in the little blue book...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I'll tell you what, there's about 30 seconds left, so let me wait for the next, and I am about finished.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President, and members, I'll yield the remaining time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Fisher. I appreciate that very much. You know, and one of the things that...(laughs), thanks, Dan. One of the things that happens a lot of the times on the budget is that we don't some time and look at some of the details. Most of the members don't take time to look at the blue book in very much detail and it just kind of slides through. And I think the budget that the Appropriations put together is a good budget. The leadership that Senator Wehrbein has shown has been tremendous, but there are some things that...areas that I would legitimately have some concerns in, regardless of what dollars or what policies are, and I am trying to set the stage for some of these debates that will take place on Select File. One of the concerns I have is in foster care, and it is an ongoing concern, and it actually is going to revert back to Senator Avery's bill, I forget the name of it, on foster care, but one of the things that has happened with foster care and social services over the years is that at the upper levels, and I am think specifically of the Executive Director in Foster Care and the higher levels of Social Services, that there has been a tremendous conflict of personalities, to the point where a lot of things simply can't be done. And I guess the question, Roger, I would like to ask, and I think I know the answer, but I think I want to ask it anyway, we have had some real serious problems with those in Social Services and Foster Care at the upper levels, I am not talking about those out in the field, getting along. Why should we...why should we reward that with a pay increase? And my sense is, I'd rather...I'd rather send a message to the